

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CALIFORNIA INPATIENT DATA REPORTING MANUAL,
MEDICAL INFORMATION REPORTING FOR CALIFORNIA, FIFTH EDITION**

SEX

Section 97217

The patient's gender shall be reported as male, female, other, or unknown. "Other" includes sex changes, undetermined sex, and live births with congenital abnormalities that obscure sex identification. "Unknown" indicates that the patient's sex was not available from the medical record.

DISCUSSION

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2006:

3. SEX		
1 Male	3 Other	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
2 Female	4 Unknown	

In general, whenever a diagnosis or procedure is sex specific, the reported sex needs to be consistent with the reported ICD-9-CM code.